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Permanent No. R14-44



THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON STATE OF NEW YORK

Date: June 18, 2014

Sponsored by Council Members: Motsavage, Matzo, Mihalko, Berg, Papastrat, Rennia

Introduced by Committee: Municipal and Public Affairs

RESOLUTION

entitled A RESOLUTION URGING BROOME COUNTY TO RECONSIDER THE CLOSURE OF THE BROOME COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

WHEREAS, Broome County has proposed the closure of the Broome County Mental Health Clinic; and

WHEREAS, the Broome County Mental Health Clinic currently services over 550 outpatient children and adults; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the Broome County Mental Health Clinic will contribute to the severe lack of mental health services in our community, resulting in longer waiting lists to receive essential treatment, an increase in emergency room visits, high school dropout rates, homelessness, and incarcerations; and

WHEREAS, 40% of Broome County's jail population have mental health diagnoses according to jail administration personnel, with inmates waiting two to three months to be transferred to a facility where they can receive mental health services.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby:

RESOLVE that the City of Binghamton does hereby urge Broome County to reconsider the closure of the Broome County Mental Health Clinic; and be it further

RESOLVED we also urge the Broome County Legislature to hold a public hearing before its scheduled September legislative proceedings; and be it further

RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution embossed with the Seal of the City of Binghamton shall be distributed to the Broome County Executive and members of the Broome County Legislature.

> I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Binghamton at a meeting L. Approved by the held on

Mayor on 6

Abstain | Absent 6 Ayes O Nays O Abstain ☐ Code of the City of Binghamton "Final Vote" Nays ☐ Defeated Ayes S. Adopted Motsavage Papastrat Mihalko Total Rennia Matzo Webb Berg A RESOLUTION URGING BROOME COUNTY TO RECONSIDER THE CLOSURE OF THE BROOME COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC The within Resolution was adopted by the Council of Motsavage, Matzo, Mihalko, Berg, Papastrat Sponsored by City Council Members: R14-44 Date Presented to Mayor the City of Binghamton. Permanent No. 3 Date Approyed 1/2 City Clerk

Motion to amend the legislation to add an additional resolve: "We also urge the Broome County Legislature to hold a public hearing before its scheduled September legislative proceedings.

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by

Motsavage, seconded by Webb.

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Voice vote, none opposed.

Motion to approve legislation as amended. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Webb.

Motion carried. See ("Final Vote").